**Suspense** is the increased feeling of interest and excitement experienced by readers as the story comes to a climax.

The suspense in “The Pit and the Pendulum” is brought to life through sensory images. In the word web below, fill in the appropriate boxes with examples of sensory images that help create suspense.

**Sound**

**Sight**

**Suspense**

**Touch**

**Smell**

Which type of sensory image contributes most to this story’s setting? Discuss your ideas with the class.